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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BDIA, ETRD, JA  
SUBJECT: TABLE TENNIS TABLES

1. ESCALADE INCORPORATED (NEW YORK, N.Y.), U.S.  
EXPORTER OF TABLE TENNIS TABLES, HAS BEEN INFORMED  
BY DAIWA SEIKO, INC., ITS PROPOSED DISTRIBUTOR IN JAPAN,  
THAT JAPAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (JTТА) WILL NOT APPROVE  
TABLES NOT MANUFACTURED IN JAPAN. ACCORDING TO ESCALADE,  
JTТА HAS FAILED TO EXPLAIN HOW TABLES IN QUESTION FAIL TO  
MEET NECESSARY DESIGN STANDARDS. DAIWA RELUCTANT TO MARKET  
PRODUCT WITHOUT JTТА APPROVAL.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER DESIGN  
STANDARDS EXIST AND, IF SO, TO PROVIDE THEM. IF EMBASSY  
CAN CONFIRM JTТА'S ATTITUDE TOWARD IMPORTS OF TABLE TENNIS  
TABLES AS REPORTED ABOVE, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO BRING SITUATION  
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TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE GOJ AUTHORITIES WITH A VIEW TO

OBTAINING PROMPT REMOVAL OF THIS BARRIER TO IMPORTS WHICH HAS EFFECT OF EMBARGO. INTERNAL STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TYPE WHICH FAIL TO ALLOW FOR FOREIGN COMPLIANCE VIOLATE DRAFT GATT STANDARDS CODE WHICH AIMS TO FACILITATE, RATHER THAN IMPEDE, TRADE. EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS PRACTICE INCONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT OF THE GATT AND MAY ALSO WISH TO REVIEW WITH GOJ ITS ANTI TRUST AND UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE REGULATIONS AS RELATED TO JTTA'S POLICY.

3. SHOULD EMBASSY WISH TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH DAIWA'S GENERAL MANAGER, U. MORIMOTO, 14-16 MAESAWA 3 CHOME, HIGASHIKURUME-CITY, TOKYO, ESCALADE HAS NO OBJECTION.  
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